

**From:** MT Software - Myron Thomas  
**To:** Microsoft ATR  
**Date:** 1/25/02 8:52am  
**Subject:** Closing the Microsoft AntiTrust Suit

Please accept this attached letter for what it is: One letter asking that you bring the Microsoft antitrust suit to a close and let the already erected steps-to-justice work toward a level playing field within the IT industry.



January 25, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

As a software developer I feel no great love for the Microsoft Corporation, however, as a business owner I feel that the antitrust suit against this corporation needs to come to an end. It is my belief that the settlement that has been reached in this case is fair and will make strides in leveling the playing field within the IT industry.

From what I understand...

- The settlement will ensure that Microsoft does not utilize any business tactics that may be considered either predatory or retaliatory.
- The company will disclose various internal interfaces within its Windows operating system that will be used by its competitors to design products that will run within the system.
- Microsoft has also agreed to design all future versions of Windows to be more compatible with the products of other companies.
- There will also be a three-person technical oversight committee, appointed by the government that will monitor Microsoft and ensure that they do not violate the tenets of settlement.

When the government begins to become involved in business we lose that which has made this nation great: free enterprise. The suit brought against Microsoft has been reasonably settled, continuing the litigation will not aid this nation. Thank you for your support in this issue, and for protecting free enterprise in this nation without stifling fair competition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Myron Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I was pleased to learn the federal government decided to settle its antitrust case against Microsoft. This should have been done a long time ago. Nonetheless, I am in favor of the steps that have recently been taken to resolve this lawsuit.

I am a very strong supporter of Microsoft. As a result of Microsoft's hard work and innovation, we live in a world where I can communicate with loved ones across the country with ease. I firmly believe this case was brought as a result of the misguided idea that a successful company should be knocked down, and its competitors should be awarded the fruits of their labor.

Notwithstanding my belief that this case lacked merit from its inception, I think the settlement agreement's terms are fair. The court should not hesitate in its approval of the settlement. Microsoft has agreed to make it easier for its competitors to compete with Windows. They agreed to document and disclose to their competitors portions of the Windows code. They also agreed not to retaliate against those who promote software that competes with Windows. Nothing more should be expected or required of Microsoft beyond the terms of the settlement agreement.

Sincerely,

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